(e) Implementation of the provisions of the M.V. Act, 1988 is not expected to result in any overall increase in prices as any possible increase due to requirement of some additions of components to the vehicles would get offset due to savings by reducing in breakdowns, injuries fatalities, road-damage and incidence of diseases connected with pollution. There should also be savings in fuel consumptions.

Pay scales of the teachers of K.V.S. and Navodaya Vidyalayas compared to those in States

984. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scales of different categories of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas compare unfavourably with those in some of the States; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to bring these scales at par with those in the States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Government of India announced on 12th August, 1987 the revised pay-scales for school teachers of union territories and various central autonomous bodies. While announcing these pay scales, the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission, report of the Cattopadhyaya Commission and the postulates of National Education Policy were kept in view. The pay scale for school teachers working under State Governments vary from State to State. Hence, it is not possible to draw an exact comparison with the pay-scale prescribed by the various State Governments.

Sanctioning of Sethu Samundram Canal Project

985. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of the expert committee on Sethu Samundram Canal Project; and

(b) whether Government are considering sanctioning of this project in view of the appearance of new dimension of strategic phenomenon in the Indian Ocean?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Testing of Missile by Pakistan

986. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 5th July, 1989 wherein it has been stated that Pakistan Missiles with 10 Km. range has been tested;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR